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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE THAT APPEARED  
IN OCTOBER 23 EDITION OF DIE BURGER, CAPE AFRIKAANS VOICE  
OF NATIONAL PARTY; ARTICLE IS HEADLINED, 'USA CHANGES ITS  
MIND ABOUT SA'.

2. 'WASHINGTON-- THE AMERICAN STATE DEPARTMENT IS INITIATING  
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AN INQUIRY FOLLOWING POSSIBLY GREATER CONCERN ON THE PART

OF THE AMERICAN DEFENCE FORCES ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA AND THE CAPE SEA ROUTE. THIS LATEST INQUIRY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PRIOR STUDY WHICH WAS DONE IN 1970 AND WHICH WAS RECENTLY REPORTED IN THE MAGAZINE ESQUIRE. THE OLD PLANS, WHICH HAVE BEEN WIDELY PUBLISHED, HAVE BECOME OUTMODED BECAUSE OF THE CHANGES WHICH HAVE SINCE TAKEN PLACE IN MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA.

3. 'MEANWHILE, THE AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS DOING AN ESSENTIALLY SIMILAR STUDY. IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE HIGH COMMAND OF AMERICAN FORCES IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SEA AND AIR FORCES WHICH WILL OPERATE IN THE AREA OF THE CAPE. THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCES ARE ESPECIALLY WORRIED ABOUT THE GROWING STRENGTH OF RUSSIAN FORCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND PERSIAN GULF, WITH BASES IN SOMALIA AND ADEN.

4. 'THE STATE DEPARTMENT STUDY IS BEING INITIATED IN THE LIGHT OF AMERICAN EAGERNESS TO KEEP COMMUNIST INFLUENCE OUT OF THE SOUTHERN PART OF AFRICA AND TO KEEP A STABLE GOVERNMENT IN POWER IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO WANTS TO ENSURE THAT AMERICA WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO USE AIR AND NAVAL FACILITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA. IT ALSO WANTS TO MAINTAIN ACCESS TO SOUTH AFRICA'S NATURAL RESOURCES-- ESPECIALLY URANIUM-- AND CONTINUE WITH ORDERLY TRADE IN SOUTH AFRICA'S GOLD.

5. 'A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY TOLD THE BUREAU: 'THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION YET OVER WHETHER TO SHOW THE FLAG (THERE).' THE TERM 'SHOW THE FLAG' IS THE AMERICAN WAY OF TALKING ABOUT MILITARY POWER. ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, THE LATEST REPORTS-- THAT AMERICA'S ATTITUDE VIS-A-VIS SOUTH AFRICA HAS SUDDENLY CHANGED FOLLOWING THE CHANGE OF POWER IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE-- ARE BASED ON A STUDY WHICH WAS INSTITUTED IN 1970. THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT REFLECT CURRENT POLICY. NONE OF THE OPTIONS SUGGESTED IN THE DOCUMENT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED. THE SPOKESMAN DID NOT DENY, HOWEVER, THAT AMERICAN POLICY ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA IS BEING LOOKED AT AGAIN. A REPORT WHICH WILL PUT THE LATEST STUDY IN PERSPECTIVE, WILL PROBABLY BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY.

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6. 'DR. HENRY KISSINGER, AMERICA'S SECRETARY OF STATE, WAS FURIOUS OVER THE LEAKING OF THE DOCUMENTS FROM THE 1970 STUDY. AN OFFICIAL CLOSE TO DR. KISSINGER YESTERDAY SAID THAT DR. KISSINGER WAS RAGING AFTER HE WAS INFORMED ABOUT THE LEAK. HE IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE CURRENT PLANS CAN BE DETRIMENTALLY AFFECTED IF THE LEAKS CONTINUE. DR. KISSINGER IS APPARENTLY FEARFUL THAT OFFICIALS WILL BE AFRAID TO PUT THEIR PROPOSALS

IN WRITING IF THEY CAN LATER LEAK OUT.

7. THE LATEST STUDY OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE IS LINKED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMERICAN NAVAL BASE ON THE ISLAND OF DIEGO GARCIA. THE AMERICAN BASE IN BAHREIN (AN OIL COUNTRY ON THE PERSIAN GULF) IS SLOWLY BEING EVACUATED, AND WITHOUT OTHER BASES ON THE ATLANTIC OCEAN (SIC) AMERICA WILL HAVE NO BASES FOR ITS NAVY AND AIRFORCE BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN.

8. IN THE LIGHT OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES--AND THE POSSIBLE LOSS FOR AMERICA OF THE USE OF DEEP SEA HARBORS IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE--SOUTH AFRICA'S HARBORS OF DURBAN AND SIMONSTOWN ARE MADE VERY ATTRACTIVE TO THE AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. THUS FAR THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED TO USE THESE HARBORS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.'

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